

Your DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

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HOMECOMING AND INAUGURATION CEREMONY

Hamline students, faculty, staff, and alumni showed off their Piper pride during **Homecoming Weekend** September 27th – October 3rd. Campus events this year included the Homecoming Kickoff, a three-legged race to pick up glowsticks during the Glowstick Scavenger Hunt on Klas Field, a performance by comedian Zoltan Kasas, the annual Lip Sync Competition, Fall Fest and the Piper March – a community march from Anderson Center to Klas Field in preparation for the football game – and of course, the Homecoming Dance on Saturday night. This year's Homecoming Weekend coincided with the **Inauguration of Hamline's new President, Dr. Fayneese Miller**, on Friday, October 2nd. The ceremony included remarks from Minnesota Governor Mark

Dayton, Senator Amy Klobuchar, Congresswoman Betty McCollum, Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman, and several other distinguished and nationally acclaimed academic leaders. Faculty, staff, students and alumni took part in organizing and celebrating this historic inauguration event at Hamline. Dr. Miller is the first African American president in the history of Hamline and the University's second female president. Dr. Miller brings more than 30 years of academic and higher education leadership experience to her role as President of Hamline and as a member of the faculty as a professor of psychology and professor of education. Before coming to Hamline, she served as Dean of the College of Education and Social Services and professor of leadership and developmental sciences at the

University of Vermont.

You can view Hamline's [About the President page](#) to learn more about Dr. Miller's background and experience, and a copy of Dr. Miller's Installation Ceremony speech, [Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow](#), is available for download at <http://www.hamline.edu/offices/president/speeches-publications.html>.



MIDTERM BREAK

Midterm Break is coming up on **Friday, October 23rd**. For most students, midterm break is a welcome opportunity to have a day away from class and to take some extra time to study and rest. The residence halls, apartments, and dining services will remain open during the midterm break. Midterms are also a time when students need extra support in order to be successful. Below are a few self-care tips for students. Parents, knowing these suggestions can help you coach your student as they prepare for midterms at Hamline:

- Know when and where your exams will be given.
- Maximize studying during hours when you are usually most alert and efficient.
- Schedule breaks for yourself. Avoid unrealistic goals for your study routine (e.g., "I will study for six hours and not take any breaks").
- As much as possible, stick to your regular routine. Avoid studying at late hours, or staying up all night.
- Don't try to do everything at once. Set your study priorities and work on the most pressing concerns first.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS UNIT

A reminder that the Academic Success unit is available to provide tutoring and academic skills assistance to undergraduate students. Academic Success also houses the Writing Center, which offers writing support to all Hamline students. Academic Success is located in the Lower Level of Bush Library. You can learn more about their services at <https://www.hamline.edu/offices/academic-support/>.

MAJOR DECISIONS FAIR and CAREER FAIRS

The 2015 *Major Decisions Fair* was held on October 13th in Anderson Center. This annual career and vocational exploration fair is sponsored by Hamline's Career Development Center. The event is specifically for students who may not have selected a major, or who are uncertain how they might apply their major to a certain career. Representatives from numerous local and national businesses and organizations met with over 300 Hamline students to share their experiences in the workplace.

Did you know that Hamline offers several **Career Fairs** throughout the year for students interested in connecting with local and national employers while still attending college? Career Fairs are a great way to find internship and job opportunities and to begin to learn to network. Hamline students are invited to attend the upcoming *Government & Nonprofit Career Fair* on Friday, October 23rd from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM in the Coffman Great Hall in Coffman Memorial

Union on the University of Minnesota -Twin Cities campus. This fair is sponsored by the Minnesota Colleges and Universities Career Services Association (MCUCSA).

For more information on the *Government & Nonprofit Career Fair*, visit <http://www.togpartners.com/govnonprofitfair/>.

Hamline students may register [online](#) by October 21, or on-site.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WEBSITE and GRAY AND RED NEWSLETTER

Looking for an event at Hamline? Check out our new ***What's Happening at Hamline*** website – Hamline's newest way for students and parents to find fun things to do on campus.

Visit <http://www.hamline.edu/offices/student-activities/whats-happening/> and click on **Find an Event** to get started!

Curious about Hamline athletics or want to check the latest game stats? Sign up to receive the ***Gray & Red Newsletter*** at <http://hamlineathletics.com/subscribe.aspx>.

DID YOU KNOW?

Andrew Brady, Hamline class of 2015, composed the music and lyrics for the song ***Bear the Torches***, which was commissioned for the inauguration of President Fayneese Miller this October.

